

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF FORT MILL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
October 13, 2014, 2014  
7:00 PM**

Present: Councilmen Spratt, Huntley, Adams, Helms, Shirey, Councilwoman Savage, Mayor Funderburk

Absent: Manager Pieper

Guests: Town Engineer, Paul Mitchell, Planning Director, Joe Cronin, Assistant Planner, Chris Pettit, Fire Chief, Jeff Hooper, Business Manager/  
Municipal Clerk, Dana Powell

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilwoman Savage gave the invocation and the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilman Huntley made a motion to approve the September 22, 2014 minutes with a second by Councilwoman Savage. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Funderburk introduced newly elected Council member Mr. Shirey. Judge Collins introduced Mr. Shirey's family and provided the Oath of Office. Councilman Shirey then took his place with the rest of Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Funderburk opened the meeting for public comments. No comments were received. Mayor Funderburk closed the public comment section of the meeting.

**PRESENTATION**

1. Fire Safety Week: Councilman Adams presented the Proclamation declaring October 5-11, 2014 as Fire Safety Week.
2. New Town Website: Kimberly Starnes, Events and Media Coordinator, provided an overview of the new Town website which was recently launched. Kimberly advised that the new site was created using recommendations from citizens and visitors. The new website provides information and functions such as an event calendar, relocation information, frequently asked questions and rental information for parks and buildings. Google Analytics is also being used in order to track the most visited items found on the website. Mayor Funderburk asked if strategic partners with the Town

are linked through the website. Kimberly explained that this information can be found under “Other Links”.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. First Reading: An ordinance annexing York County Tax Map Numbers 707-00-00-031, 707-00-00-048 (p), and 707-00-00-054 (p), containing approximately 35 acres on Whites Road (White Property): Kevin Granelli with Hunton Capital Partners, explained to Council that the traffic impact from this community, would not directly affect Doby’s Bridge Road but instead affects the Southern Bypass. The projected timeline for the community is to close by years end and prep the lots by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015. This being said, residents would not start to occupy homes until 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016 allowing for the Bypass to be close to completion. Councilman Adams asked if there is a possibility of connecting the waterline through Dominions Bridge. Mr. Granelli provides Council with a plot to show where the pump station is located and states that he does not believe there would be resistance to connect through Dominions Bridge. Councilwoman Savage stated that Dominions Bridge Homeowners Association may not want to be connected, as it is not a requirement. Councilwoman Savage also asked that if the Planning Commissions suggestion for a traffic study comes back negative what would Mr. Granelli do. Kevin stated that they would feel comfortable moving forward and would like to believe that residents of the new community would use alternate routes. They also believe that the Southern Bypass would alleviate traffic as well. Councilman Huntley stated that the projected completed date for the Southern Bypass is August 2015. Councilwoman Savage thanked Mr. Granelli for continuing to try to work with council and provide solutions. Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve as first reading, contingent upon a development agreement between the town and property owner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huntley. The motion was approved by a 5-2 vote, with Mr. Adams and Ms. Savage opposed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. First Reading: An ordinance annexing York County Tax Map Number 738-00-00-047, containing approximately 2.6 acres at 1918 N Dobys Bridge Road (Pettus Property): Councilman Adams asked if plans for this property have been submitted. Joe Cronin, Planning Director, advised that currently no plans have been submitted. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.
2. Skipper Street-Sewer Line Replacement, funds to be budgeted from the Gross Revenue Fund, Operations and Maintenance Account (Emergency Repair): Davey Broom, Public Works Director, provided an explanation of the Sewer line to be replaced at Skipper Street. Davey advised that this line was constructed in 1987 and has been corroded by gases which in turn has caused it to fail. Staff members have provided a temporary repair but the needed permanent repairs will involve the replacement of the manhole and line. In order to perform this repair the sewer line

will be burst and the new line installed will have an epoxy coating which will be resistant to the corrosive gases. While performing these repairs, the road will need to be closed and re-routed. Staff will speak directly with the 25 affected residents. Councilman Adams asked if the low bid for repairing this issue is sufficient. Davey advised that they have met with the low bid company twice along with the Engineer and it is sufficient. Additionally, there is a 10% variance in the contract just in case it is needed. Councilman Spratt asked how long the repairs will take. Davey stated the repair would be completed in 2-3 weeks. Councilwoman Savage asked if the new line will cause any loss in efficiency. Davey explained that with the new 16" line installation, efficiency will actually increase. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the contract for the repair. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion was passed by a 7-0 vote.

3. First Reading: An ordinance to amend the Code of Laws for the Town of Fort Mill by creating Section 24-35 entitled "Loitering": Bryan Zachary, Fort Mill Police Department, advised that this ordinance will help Police staff control loitering issues located at 160 and I-77 which is impeding traffic. Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve funds to be budgeted for the repair. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Ad Hoc Appointments Committee Report: Councilwoman Savage advised that per the 2 vacancies for the Board of Zoning Appeals the following individuals have been recommended; Christopher Ryan Helms (Seat 1) and Jody Stegall (Seat 3). Councilwoman Savage made a motion for Mr. Helms and Mr. Stegall to fill the unexpired terms on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilman Helms. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council entered into executive session at 7:48 pm.

Council returned to chambers and Mayor Funderburk called the meeting back to open session at 8:12 pm. Mayor Funderburk stated that "no action was taken in executive session."

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Councilwoman Savage thanked the Fire Department and Service providers for all they do in light of Fire Safety week. Ms. Savage also stated that due to the fall season, please do not blow leaves in the streets as it may cause issues with drainage. Instead please try to corral together for collection.

Councilman Adams extended his welcome and thanks to new Council Member Shirey.

Councilman Helms also thanked the Fire Department for all they do.

Councilman Spratt noted the “Wall that Heals” and when the site will be open for visitation. Mr. Spratt also welcomed Mr. Shirey to Town Council.

Councilman Shirey thanked everyone for their support in his new role.

Councilman Huntley welcomed Councilman Shirey. Mr. Huntley also stated his interest in the article from the Fort Mill Times regarding taxable values within the town limits in 1914. Mr. Huntley extended his hopes and prayers to Councilwoman Savage during her family’s time of need.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Helms and seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Powell  
Municipal Clerk